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HONGKONG, 30th JANUARY, 1904

It is now clear that the present relations between Japan and Russia must come to an end in a few days' time. The news is confirmed from Japan that Russia has been asked for an early response to the late Note addressed to her. REUTER adds to this information the remark that it seems likely that Japan will act decisively in a few days (i.e., from the 27th instant), and that, though many have hitherto objected to Japan taking the initiative, the majority would now welcome an ultimatum or, if necessary, a declaration of war. This, we suppose, refers to opinion in Japan, not in Europe; for it is very unlikely that opinion in Europe has changed so suddenly that now it would welcome the outbreak of war. Continental European sympathy, it is true, has veered round slightly in favour of Japan owing to the honesty of her attitude compared with that of Russia. But still none of the Powers on the Continent desire to see war. It is unnecessary to add that Britain does not either, but in Britain it would be equally unwelcome to see Japan diplomatically worsted. The insincere attempt of that contemptible Russian "tool" Prince Oukla is only interesting as showing that he is as much under the thumb of the Muscovite as ever. The British and United States Ministers appear to have treated him very politely, while getting him to admit that the suggestion put forward by him to invite the mediation of the Powers between Japan and Russia emanated from the Minister of the latter country at Peking. It is a week ago now since we learnt that Japan had informed the London, Washington, and Berlin Governments that mediation would not be acceptable to her. This being the case, it is too late in the day for Prince Oukla to appear on the scene in the character of a *senile deus ex machina*. We cannot but hold that Japan is right in refusing at this time to listen to talk about mediation. Russia's policy having been all through one of procrastination for the purpose of strengthening her position, could the mediating Powers guarantee that she would not use the time spent in negotiations in the

same way, and, if the mediation were to be broken off at length through Russia's fault, could not do so, and a failure of negotiations might then mean the ruin of Japan. At the present we do not believe that this is the necessary end of a Russo-Japanese war, loudly as some critics proclaim it. Japan is in a very favourable position just now. It is of no use to talk about Russia's millions of men, as if all they have to do is to walk into Tokyo. The decisive blows must be struck on the sea. In the course of an article in the *North-China Daily News* early in this week, the situation was summed up very justly. Our contemporary sketched the probable plan of Japan's campaign, saying:—"Hostilities will be opened by a naval engagement. The Russian naval force is at the present moment in three sections, the largest at Port Arthur, one at Vladivostok, while the third is now its way from Suoz, preceded by the two new Japanese cruisers from Genoa. Japan has the strategic advantage of being in the centre between these three sections. We learnt a few days ago that the Vladivostok section of the Russian fleet started out to join the main body at Port Arthur, but had to return because, owing to the ice, it could not make more than four knots. The real reason for its return was that the Japanese standing squadron was waiting for it in the Korean Straits. The naval engagement that we are awaiting will come from Japan's determination not to allow the Vladivostok squadron or the squadron that is coming from Europe to join the main body of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur." It is still the progress of the Russian fleet, which should now be between Colombo and Singapore, which must determine Japan's decision as to the time beyond which further waiting is unprofitable. This is not, of course, because of any enormous value attached to the warships, but that when they are in touch with the rest of the fleet, the Japanese Navy will be at its strongest possible and ready to strike a blow in any of three directions. Russia's Mediterranean squadron will be still coming out slowly, hampered by the duty of conveying the torpedo-boats, and in the event of a declaration of war must be cut off entirely by want of coal. The Northern fleet will still be divided in two sections, and the control of the China Sea must be Japan's, unless she meets with some great naval disaster. Even in event of the disablement of any Japanese warships she has abundance of docks and harbours to fall back on, whereas Russia will be in a very different case. In fact, only an absolutely overwhelming victory could rescue Russia from impotence. We are bidden to look at her enormous armies. These, we suppose, will pour into Korea and maintain themselves by means of the Manchurian railway and the good-will of China, as far as provisions are concerned. But it cannot be argued that they can transport themselves into Japan without the command of the sea. We still think that the best guarantee of peace is Russia's inability to go to war at the present moment. Therefore Japan is well advised in doing as she is stated to be doing, that is, pressing for an immediate answer. It is not because she lightly faces a war which she estimates will cost her £40,000,000—this is the figure at which her Finance Minister arrives—but because she knows that, if war must come, the only war out of which she can hope to come well is a war to-day.

Mrs. May will present the prizes at Bellis Public School to-day at 11 a.m.

As China New Year falls on the 16th of next month it is probable that the Criminal Sessions will be postponed from the 18th till a later date.

The Hongkong Rifle Association competition to-day will be for Spoons, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges, 200, 300, and 400 yards. Seven shots and a sighter at each range.

The election of the Kulung Municipal Council. Amoy, took place at the Amoy Club Theatre yesterday afternoon. The following rate-payers offered themselves for election as councillors for the year 1904—Messrs. S. N. Akaba, J. J. Dunne, B. Humpel, the Rev. J. Macgowan, F. B. Marshall, and W. H. Wallace.

According to a Canton despatch, quoted by the *N.C. Daily News*, H.E. Shum sent in his resignation to the Throne recently on the ground of chronic ill-health. The request was refused and H.E. has been given another month's respite from work, after which he is expected to leave Canton for Kwangsi to crush the rebellion in earnest.

The London *Gazette* announces that the King has been pleased to approve of Mr. Friedrich Krüger as Consul of Germany at Hongkong.

The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily Telegraph*, cabling on the 8th instant, stated that the Russo-Japanese crisis had eclipsed the fiscal discussion in England.

The following details, confirming a special telegram from London published by us last month, will be of interest:—On Tai-tung, the Chinese Minister to Austria-Hungary, has been recalled by his Government. His successor has not yet been announced. On Tai-tung was the first Minister accredited solely to the Austro-Hungarian Court, and is regarded as a very capable diplomatist. It is also reported from Berlin that the Chinese Minister there has also been recalled. These changes are believed to be of a personal character, connected with the appointment of Prince Ching as successor to the late Yang Su, and to be without special political significance.

The Sultan of Johore arrived in Colombo on the M.M. s.s. *Salaga* on the 8th inst., and continued his journey to Europe the same afternoon. The Sultan is accompanied by his mother-in-law and a large suite. He was taking all his furniture to Europe with him, and had on board a 35 horse-power French motor-car, in which he intended to travel through France from Marseilles. After a tour through that country, he will go straight to England and afterwards travel through Norway. The Sultan is about to sell a large number of his race-horses, preparatory, it is rumoured, to breaking up his establishment altogether. It is indeed stated on what authority is not certain, that the Sultan is in negotiation with the British Government with a view to placing his dominions under their control; receiving in their stead a large annuity. He has sold his old yacht and recently purchased a new one and a motor. The Sultan has a country seat in England, where he may settle down.

The following was the passage in the German Kaiser's speech at a banquet in Hanover last month which gave such offence in England:—With hearty thanks I raise my glass (and I hope that all of you will follow my example) in contemplation of the past to the health of the German Legion, in memory of its incomparable deeds, which, in conjunction with Blücher and the Prussians, rescued the English Army from destruction at Waterloo; to the past of 1866, when noble, brave, and undaunted, the untarnished shield of Hanoverian honour was held high and bright; to the past of 1870, to the hero of Beaune-la-Rolande, who, alas! is no longer among us; to the present, which is here assembled, and which I have greeted from my heart and to the future, which is pledged to the three regiments, and which I hope may be as brilliant and as bright purple and beautiful as the past. This is the task which I set the regiments. "The German Legion and its traditions. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

The London *Globe* gives the following account of the negotiations for the purchase of the two Chinese battleships as being strictly authentic. When the *Constitution* and *Liberal* first came into the open market the British Government declined for various reasons, notably on account of their acquisition interfering with the Admiralty's shipbuilding programme, to purchase them. For the same reason Japan likewise declined to buy them. The progress of events in the Far East, however, caused the latter Government to reconsider their decision, and negotiations for their purchase were begun. The Japanese Government, however, did not show sufficient readiness to bring the bargain to a conclusion, and stipulated that the payment for the ships should be made in instalments covering a considerable period of time. While these negotiations were proceeding, the Russian Government suddenly made a firm offer for the ships, amounting to £1,800,000, to be paid in cash within 24 hours. The occasion was extremely critical. At this psychological moment our Government acted with statesmanlike decision and promptitude, and to the intense relief of Japan, they were immediately acquired for the British Navy at the price of £1,875,000.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night. The programme is as follows:—  
March: "Die Kriegergefangene" ..... Pitt  
Overture: "Sondermunde" ..... Rosini  
Selection: "The Grand Mogul" ..... Audran  
Intermezzo: "Thyrsis" ..... Hoby  
Selection: "Three Little Maids" ..... Rubens  
Dance: "Whisper and I shall hear" ..... Clothilde  
Dance: "Hungarian" ..... Jullien  
"God Save the King"

MENU.  
Hors d'oeuvres  
Caviare and Olive Croquettes.  
SOUP.  
Potage à la Reine.  
FISH.  
Baked Garoupa à la Normande.  
ENTREES.  
Chicken à la Parisienne  
Fillet of Beef à la Bourgeoise.  
Macaroni Croquettes and Tomato Sauce.  
CURRY.  
Kebab.  
JOINTS.  
Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish  
Roast Pheasant and Broad Sauce  
Boiled Leg of Mutton and Turnips.  
Cauliflower.  
Baked Chestnut Custard Pudding  
Vanilla Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.  
Apricot Tart  
Tippa Cake.  
DESSERT.  
Fruit  
Coffee.

## TELEGRAMS.

### REUTER'S SERVICE.

#### JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 27th January.

Advices from Tokyo, 27th instant, state that the Government has intimated to the Russian Minister that an early response is desired to the late Note. It seems likely that Japan will act decisively in a few days; though many have hitherto objected to Japan taking the initiative, the majority would now welcome an ultimatum, or, if necessary, a declaration of war.

Reuter's Agency at Peking wires that China has invited the support of the Powers to attempt to mediate between Japan and Russia. The *Times* correspondent at Peking confirms this. France is willing to use her good offices to endeavour to arrange a *modus vivendi* with the assistance of England and America. In reply to Prince Ching's communication, the British and American Ministers, acting in agreement, have explained the difficulties of mediating at the present juncture. Prince Ching admits that the suggestion to invite the mediation of the Powers emanated from the Russian Minister; the object of the move evidently being to impress the Chinese in favour of Russia.

#### WHITAKER WRIGHT'S SUICIDE.

LONDON, 27th January.

A post-mortem inquest on the late Whitaker Wright disclosed that death was caused by prussic acid.

[Our correspondent gives the poison as cyanide of potassium.—Ed. D.P.]

#### TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

LONDON, 27th January.

A Bulgarian band of 1,000 men has crossed the frontier near Palanka and, after exchanging shots with the Turkish outposts, retired.

The 4th Army Corps at Erzerum is hastily mobilising.

#### U.S.S. "ZAFIRO" SAFE AT CHERMULPO.

The wife of Capt. Whitton, of the U.S. transport *Zafiro*, which has been missing since she left Manila on the 26th ult., bound for Corea with U.S. marines on board, received a telegram in Hongkong yesterday morning announcing that the vessel had reached Chermulpo safely.

#### CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. THE GARRISON.  
The following will play in the match H.K.C.C. v. the Garrison to-day, commencing at 11.30 a.m.:—

H.K.C.C.—A. O. Brown, H. Hancock, R. Hancock, Capt. G. N. A. Harris, R.M.A., Surgeon R. B. Horley, R.N., F. L. Horsey, R.N., P. T. Lambie, R. A. B. Ponsonby, T. Sorecombe Smith, W. C. D. Turner, and Lieut. Vivian, R.N.  
The Garrison.—Corporal Bradford, A.O.C., Lieut. Chesney, R.E., Major Chichester, D.A.A.G., Lieut. Cooper, R.E., Capt. Davies, A.O.C., Lieut. Dobbyn, R.E., Lieut. Heath, 110th Mahattas, Lieut. Hodgson, S.F., Capt. Kirkpatrick, R.G.A., Lieut. Pledge, S.F., and A. N. Other.

#### LEAGUE MATCHES.

The Parise C.C. will entertain the R.E. on the Happy Valley, when the following will play for the home team:—

R. B. Cooper (Capt.), J. A. Chino, J. D. Noria, J. M. Master, N. Bojono, J. N. Moha, H. C. Gola, B. K. Mehta, M. D. Vani, D. R. Captain, and C. B. Mohrahwala.

The H.K.C.C. Reserves and R.A.M.C. also meet in a League match to-day.

The following will represent the second XI of the Civil Service C.C. in their match against the second XI of the Craigswater C.C. on the ground of the former, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp, to-day:—

F. T. Robies (Capt.), F. Allen, A. Carter, W. Dicks, G. King, D. McKenzie, A. Brown, W. Cooper, J. Hutchings, H. Knight, and W. Parkinson.

#### FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, in the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Albion* under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club will play in stripes. The following will play for the Club:—

Lieut. S. B. Macdonald, full back; W. B. Robertson, S. O. Elia, A. N. Other, and R. A. Whitmore, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and A. B. de Venille, halves; E. R. Hallifax, Lieut. Strower, H. E. Rowley, Lieut. Richards, Lieut. Rogers, C. H. C. Newman, W. A. Crane, and H. T. Chard, forwards.

#### PARCELS POST BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA.

A parcels post convention having just been signed, Hongkong will at last be able to send parcels to Manila direct instead of via Europe and San Francisco.

## THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

The Japanese papers state that at a recent meeting of the bankers convened by the Minister of Finance at his official residence to discuss the financial backing of a war with Russia, the Minister estimated that a war would cost Japan not less than four hundred million yen (about £10,000,000). It appears that arrangements have been made for the prompt issue of Exchequer bonds to the amount of 100,000,000 yen, should the occasion require it, and the opinion is expressed that the Banks of the Empire are in a position to supply that sum and more without difficulty.

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 21st inst. has a scathing article on the way in which the censorship is being exercised over Press telegrams in Japan. It appears that whatever the censor objects to in a message he deletes, and the message is then forwarded to its destination in its mutilated form, without any intimation of the mutilation being given to the sender. It may be explained that Press messages are now forwarded from Japan on the "receiver-to-pay" system, and though the receiver would, of course, be charged only for the number of words he receives, it is conceivable that if the sender were informed that the censor had deleted essential portions of his message, he would, in the majority of cases, decide that the balance of the message was not worth the cost of transmission.

#### "FREAR'S FRIVOLITIES."

"Frear's Frivolities," it is perhaps unnecessary to remind our readers, will be on view at the Theatre Royal to-night and Monday, under the patronage of H. E. the Acting Governor and the residents of Hongkong. Mr. Frear once gave his entertainment before the Sultan of Turkey, and it will no doubt be of interest to hear what were the impressions of artist and Sultan respectively. Mr. Frear of course can only speak for himself, but he has a medal to show as a testimony of the Sultan's impressions. A representative of the *Daily Press* saw Mr. Frear yesterday, and in course of conversation the subject of Turkey—doubtless inspired by recent news from the Balkans—was discussed.

"How I got my medal makes quite a story," Mr. Frear said, when asked in reference to the decoration. "The Sultan of Turkey is unapproachable. I had read in an English periodical that any entertainment that visited Constantinople always received a command to appear before the Sultan. It isn't true. I had quite an experience in getting before him; it would take too long to say how I managed it, but I did. I had to dress in black and wear a fez. I didn't know the etiquette of the latter, and naturally when I went into the imperial presence took it off—no, that is hardly correct, for before I got it off several made a rush for me and I pushed it on again. The fez must not be removed in the Sultan's presence; neither must anyone sit or laugh, and I had to present my entertainment before the most rigid and undemonstrative audience ever any performer appeared before.

"Of course I got no applause, as that would not be permitted. His private theatre is a dream, a bed of gold studded from floor to roof with rows of electric lights; the dome is the dark blue sky, with electric lights in the shape of a half moon and stars. There are no seats and the grand piano stands in the body of the theatre, the audience having to stand under the 'Pardons' (transparent curtains) so that they may not be seen. His Majesty sat in the centre box. He was visible with the Grand Vizier and secretaries, who are known by numbers ranging from one to some forty or more. His Majesty's band, which stands also under the circle, plays whenever they feel like it, and I would sometimes have to wait until they got through before I could make an appearance. Once or twice there was a little ripple of mirth, and instantly every back was turned so that the ruler might not know who had dared to be guilty of such irreverence.

"When all was over and I sat down, wondering whether I was to get away alive, a Pasha approached me, saying I was to make haste and get dressed, as His Imperial Majesty had commanded that I be decorated with the medal of 'Fine Arts.' I had no idea I could have dressed so quickly, although I am supposed to be a 'quick change' artist. However, I got there on time, in fact, had to wait for the imperial presence and presented with the medal and a little red satin bag containing my reward in gold and a box of H.I. Majesty's Turkish cigarettes."

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

##### S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

31st January: Solemn High Mass, Sunday.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.).

Motins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Macfarren; Psalms, Woodward, Crotch, and Woodward; Te Deum, B. Stuart in C; Benedicite, Goss in E; Anthem, "O give thanks unto the Lord," R. Smart; Hymn, 489; Offertory Hymn, 228.

Evensong (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms, Turler, Turle, Rimbaud, and Humphreys; Magnificat, Trout in A flat; Nunc Dimittis, Wallage in E; Hymns, 83, 170, and 423; Vesper Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

##### S. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road West.

Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Motins (11 a.m.).

Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Benedicite, Troutbeck; Hymns, 285, 412, 445, and 443.

Evensong (6.30 p.m.).

Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis, Crotch; Hymns, 203, 415, 380, and 394.

The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the service, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon a.m., and between 10.30 and 6 p.m. returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

## SPORTING NOTES.

The return match between the H.K.C.C. and the Garrison takes place on the Cricket Ground at noon to-day. The first game this season was played on the 14th November, when, after all prospects were deemed in favour of the Club, the Garrison, thanks to execrable fielding on the part of the opponents, ran up a score of 178 (Capt. Radcliffe 74, Lieut. Smith 29, Lieut. Hodgson 20) and got nine Club wickets down for 141. Then came the sensational stand between Mast and Lowe, which stands out amid the features of the present season. In a bad light both batsmen hit the military bowlers all over the field, brought the scores level, and went on until 193 was reached, when Lowe was caught and bowled. Mast carried his bat for 43 and was chaired into the pavilion. We can look for no such excitement to-day, but the game should be worth seeing. The Garrison has six out of the XI, who so nearly proved successful in November, and of the other five some are almost new to the Colony. I should mention, by the way, that I was in error in saying that Corporal Bradford, A.O.C., left on the *Albion*. He is still here to take wickets. The H.K.C.C. side to-day is decidedly an experimental one, though it contains a lot of all-round strength.

On the football field the Rugby game between the Club and H.M.S. *Albion* will be the chief event. As the former's three-quarter line is quite problematical (the departure of Barnes being severely felt), it looks as if the naval men will have to be beaten forward if the match is to be saved. But, of course, Messrs. S. O. Elia and "A. N. Other" may surprise their comrades. Turning to the Association game, the *Cressy* and R. B. teams should meet to-day, the last day for the first round of the Shield, but the *Cressy* is still up north. It has not yet been decided whether to extend the date so as to allow the *Cressy* to play. Otherwise, the draw for the second round will be as follows:—*Albion* v. *Tunaw*, *Levathan* v. R.A., H.K.C.C. v. *Ocean*, *Sherwood Foresters* v. R.E., the first-named club in each case having choice of ground.

This week's hockey has been interesting. On Monday the Club lost to the *Ocean* (0-2); on Wednesday the 93rd Burma beat the *Ocean* (6-3), while the Club was defeated by the *Albion* (1-2); on Thursday the *Vengeance* beat the 93rd Burma (1-0); yesterday the Club lost to the 93rd Burma (0-1). The Club team has been much weakened lately, Barnes going to India, and Chatter, Hooper, and Davies being on the sick-list.

Ten entries have been received for the Hockey Cup. The following is the draw:—

14th Mahattas	15th Mahattas
H.M.S. <i>Vengeance</i>	H.M.S. <i>Albion</i>
93rd Burma (II) bye	10th Mahattas
93rd Burma (I)	93rd Burma (II)
H.K. Hockey Club	H.M.S. <i>Albion</i>
H.M.S. <i>Ocean</i>	H.M.S. <i>Levathan</i>
H.M.S. <i>Centurion</i>	

The first round is to be finished on or before the 10th February, the second on or before the 22nd February.

A ladies' race for a prize presented by Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Robinson, and Staff-Surgeon Parker, will be sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club to-day, there being no Club race. The course will be from the Kowloon Police Pier, around the Channel Rocks, and home. The start takes place at 2.30 p.m.

A four-oared V.R.C. scotch race takes place to-day, starting at 2.30 p.m.; the secretary's launch leaving Blake Pier at 1.30 p.m. Nothing with regard to the V.R.C. will be seen in the Happy Valley to-day. A smoker comes off on the 6th of next month. The athletic sports are not yet definitely fixed. If enough support is given, a gymnasium class, with an instructor, will be started.

I mentioned a short time ago that a Cup presented by Mr. T. C. Gray had been put up for competition among the members of the Hongkong Club bowling team. Six of the eight competed, and the result was as follows:—

1. F. Matland	1503
2. E. H. Hinds	1467
3. J. Hooper	1438
4. J. W. C. Bonnar	1422
5. C. P. Chater	1386
6. J. E. Lee	1272

A second eight is practising hard for a match v. German 2nd VIII., the match coming off soon. Probably after that the German Club will again challenge the Club for the Shield.

I see that during the season the Shanghai Recreation Club has played so far eleven football matches without a loss and with only one draw. 52 goals have been scored against 6. The Football Club has played 12 matches, winning 7 and losing 3.

On the 5th inst. at Leicester, the first international Rugby match of the season was played, Wales meeting England. An exciting game resulted. At the interval the score was:—England 2 tries—6 points; Wales, nil. In the second half England added two goals, whilst Wales scored three goals, the result being a draw. It is six years ago since England last defeated Wales at Rugby football, the victory being won at the Rectory Field, Blackheath, by a goal and three tries to a dropped goal and a try. In the subsequent matches the Welsh have accumulated thirteen goals (two from penalties) and seven tries to two goals and three tries, or eighty-two points to nineteen.

It has transpired (as the penny-a-line is so fond of saying) that the donor of the perpetual trophy, which is to be held by the winner of the rubber in the Anglo-Australian test matches, is the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and that the trophy will take the form of a casket containing a scroll, on which are inscribed the records of all the test matches.

OMPAX.



## DIOCESAN SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING

The annual distribution of prizes to the boys of the Diocesan School and Orphanage, Bonham Road, took place yesterday, His Excellency Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., performing the ceremony. A large number of visitors attended the function. Right Rev. J. C. Hoare, Bishop of Victoria, presided, and among those present besides His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government were Mrs. May, His Honour Sir William M. Gooden, Chief Justice; Mr. Geo. Piercy, jr., headmaster, and Mrs. Piercy, Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, Private Secretary to His Excellency; Hon. Mr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. T. Bateson Wright, Rev. Messrs. T. W. Pearce, F. T. Johnson, C. H. Hickling, T. Wright, E. J. Barnett, W. J. Southern, W. Laird, G. G. Chalk, and J. H. Franco, Messrs. W. D. Braidwood, T. Landolt, R. Bandet, H. Sykes, A. O. Brown, C. R. S. Cooper, and H. Jackson, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Grimes. In the corridors were displayed specimens of drawings by the pupils. The proceedings were commenced by the singing by the boys of a song entitled "The Zoological Gardens," under the conductorship of Mr. C. R. S. Cooper.

Mr. Geo. Piercy, the headmaster, then read the annual report of the school, as follows:—

We are thankful to be able to report that the past year has been in many respects the most successful the school has ever had. The health of the establishment has been good and there has been an almost total absence of malarial fever. This is probably due to the efforts of the Government to exterminate mosquitoes by training the nullahs, and to the little earth-cutting in the neighbourhood for new buildings. Great care is paid to sanitary arrangements and the health of the boys. There has lately been an outbreak of mumps. Our thanks are due to Dr. Bell and Dr. Laing, of the Civil Hospital, who have most kindly attended to boys as in and out-patients, and to Dr. Kew for dental services.

During the summer months the boys went once or twice a week by steam launch to neighbouring beaches for sea-bathing and swimming, and greatly enjoyed these outings. The season was closed by a picnic. We landed by kind permission of the Colonial Secretary at Stonecutters' Island and had various aquatic sports, for which prizes were provided. At the Hongkong Regatta in December, our boats crew, trained by an "old boy" (Mr. A. J. Mowbray) came in first in the Schools' Race, amidst much applause. Through the generosity of another "old boy" (Mr. H. Hastings, of Formosa) we were able to have a launch to witness this and other events. In cricket, the school team has been generally successful. The boys also played football and tennis. During the year two five-courses have been erected by Messrs. Palmer and Turner after the Eton and Rugby models respectively. These are, I believe, the only five-courses in the Colony, and are greatly appreciated by masters and boys. The breaking-up concert before the summer vacation was a great success. On several of the winter evenings we have been entertained and instructed by the magic lantern. Lieut. Browne, R.E., kindly gave us Coronation pictures; Engineer-Commander W. J. Anstey, R.N., a tour round the globe; Rev. T. Wright, Japanese and Hongkong views; Messrs. Everall and Stebbins, English and European pictures; Messrs. H. E. Wells and Burwell, an illustrated lecture on the world-wide work of the B. and F. Bible Society.

The income from fees was considerably greater than in any previous year; the average attendance increased by 8, and was 171 for the 241 days on which school was taught, and until we get a larger building we cannot hope to greatly improve on this.

The Inspector of Schools examined, on December 15th, and following days, all the boys (151) who had fulfilled the Government requirement of 100 days; of these, according to his return, 133, or 88 per cent., passed. At the Oxford Local Examination 68 per cent. of the 98 Hongkong candidates passed. All our candidates (18) were successful viz., 3 Senior, 6 Junior, 7 Preliminary. This is the first time we have had such satisfactory results, and great praise is due to Mr. Sykes and Mr. Brown. The staff has remained the same as last year, Mrs. Grimes being added to teach music. All have heartily co-operated in the interests of the school, especially during my nine weeks' absence in hospital, when Mr. Sykes in particular was most indefatigable. Mr. Cooper was absent for a fortnight, having been selected to the Hongkong Cricket Club to play in the Inter-Port match in Shanghai. (Applause.)

The boarding accommodation has been for some years fully occupied, and boys have had to be refused admission. Part of the building is very old, having been built over 40 years ago, and is constantly needing a great deal of money to be spent in repairs. If the west wing were pulled down, a large three-story block could be erected in the garden, and would provide larger and more convenient class-rooms, and dormitories giving greater accommodation. A gymnasium might be included, and would be a great boon.

The following friends have again kindly contributed the prizes:—Mrs. Siebs, His Hon. Sir W. M. Gooden, Hon. Wei Yuk, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Messrs. F. B. L. Bowley, Chang Long-hin, Choy Lee-chue, Choy Po-sien, D. Elphinstone, Fung Wa Chun, H. Hastings, H. A. Hewitt, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Sin Tak-fan, T. S. Smith, F. Southey (England), J. Witchell.

The report of the Examiner in Religious Knowledge (Mr. P. Wright) was as follows:—

"I have again conducted the examination of the Diocesan Boys' School in religious knowledge, and am glad to be able to report that the condition of the school as a whole is such as to reflect great credit on both preceptors and pupils. Forms I and II were examined *vice versa*, the remaining five forms by printed questions. In all 148 boys presented themselves for examination, and of these the answers of 129 was sufficiently good to merit a pass, 28 failing to reach that standard. The papers of Forms VII and VI were excellent. Those of Form V were very good indeed. Form IV sent in papers not quite so good as I had hoped for, and Form III was somewhat disappointing, but I have reason to believe that many of the boys, especially the Chinese boys, did not quite grasp the full meaning of the questions. In Forms II and I there were very few failures, the work having been done so well as to make it difficult to decide who were really the best. In all the forms the questions on the Catechism received the best answers, showing that the boys had been well grounded in the fundamentals of the faith. When it is remembered that diverse races and nationalities are represented, that English is not the mother tongue of a large proportion of the boys, and

that few of the lads have the benefits of home training in religious subjects, it will be seen that the task of the teachers is no easy one. In spite of these difficulties the staff has acquitted itself admirably. Taking the school generally I have no hesitation whatever in saying that this department of its work it will compare most favourably with similar institutions at home." (Applause.)

His Excellency then presented the prizes to the successful scholars, and afterwards the choir sang a patriotic song "The British Flag," the effect of which was heightened by the introduction of miniature Union Jacks that the boys displayed.

His Excellency then said—My Lord Bishop, Mr. Piercy, Ladies and Gentlemen—It has been a great pleasure to me to come here to-day to present the prizes. I looked forward to it with pleasure, and I may say that the pleasure has been greater than my anticipations. There is a spirit about this school, as evidenced by the song we have just heard sung, that goes to the heart of every Britisher. (Applause.) We cannot despair that this Colony will hold her place in the Empire—aye, and make even a bigger place for herself—when we have our young boys brought up with the spirit of patriotism that we have seen evidenced just now. I am very pleased indeed to see Mr. Piercy, recovered from his severe accident, and again able to take his place in the direction of affairs. (Applause.) The report he has just read is, I think you will all agree with me, a most satisfactory one, and I have had the advantage of learning from the Inspector of Schools, who has made his own independent examination of this school, that he is entirely satisfied with the work done here. (Applause.) He tells me that in the upper classes some most excellent work has been done and he has sent me examples of it that I might satisfy myself on the point, and I thoroughly agree with him; and I congratulate the masters of this school on having attained such a very satisfactory result. He had only one principal criticism to make, and I think it is as well that I should mention it, as it is a subject which engaged the attention of the Government during the past year; and that is the principle laid down by the last Governor, Sir Henry Blake, and endorsed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Chinese boys should not be taught English in the same class as non-Chinese boys until the Chinese boys have acquired sufficient knowledge of English to really understand the teaching given to the class in the English language. (Applause.) He gave me an example of that. He said that in one of the lower classes of the school 15 Chinese boys failed in reading English while, I am sorry to say, 16 non-Chinese boys failed in arithmetic. I think that is pretty good proof that the Chinese boys required more teaching in reading English and the non-Chinese boys in the mathematical subjects. Men say that knowledge is power, and so it is; and it is the duty of you boys to avail yourselves of every opportunity of acquiring knowledge; but there are other things besides knowledge, and I am glad to say that one of the features of the report that has pleased me more than any other is the appendix to it, the report from Rev. Mr. Wright on his examination of this school in religious knowledge. Mr. Wright paid a high compliment both to teachers and pupils, and he says the knowledge attained was, taking it all round, of a high standard. I think that is most satisfactory.

I have said that knowledge is power, but there are in these later days, I am sorry to find, sometimes many clever men who think that because they are clever and because they possess knowledge they can do without religion. Now, let me remind you boys who are about to embark upon the battle of life that you will find the most helpful of all things in the trials, temptations and disappointments,—aye, and the sorrows with which the life of every man is more or less filled—I say the most helpful thing for you in these hours is an earnest and steadfast religious belief. (Applause.) A clever and brilliant man may be a potent factor in society, but in the long run the most useful member of society, the most useful man for his country, is the man who, filled with honesty of purpose, love of truth, and loyal devotion to duty, carries out the Divine teaching by working heart and soul every day of his life at the task to which God has called him. (Applause.) If you carry out that teaching I can assure you that you will do good in this world, no matter how humble the path you may be called upon to tread, and when at the end of life's day you cast down your burden you will have the satisfaction of attaining that happiness which is born of the consciousness of having done your duty to the best of your ability, not only to your temporal masters, but to the Supreme Master, the Master of the Universe. (Applause.)

His Lordship Bishop Hoare said he was sure he was expressing the feelings of all present when he thanked His Excellency most heartily for coming there that morning to present the prizes, and more than that they thanked him, and he personally did from the bottom of his heart, for the strong, helpful words His Excellency had spoken to the boys on the great importance of the religious side of their education. It was not the first time he had heard the same thoughts expressed by those who came to give away the prizes, and he hoped the boys would remember this, that it was not only the pastor who spoke of religion and urged upon them the importance of religion. They had heard the General and His Excellency and others who were not of the clerical profession telling them the same thing, that if you want to lead a good and useful life you must first of all get that which was the beginning of knowledge—the knowledge of God. In referring to the teaching of English

in the classes he considered His Excellency was touching upon a weak point, but he hoped His Excellency would also remember that it was a very difficult question when you had a school established for a good many years, working on established principles, and having very large numbers. The question had been before them for several years. To really carry out the separation of classes in the manner indicated would require a very largely increased staff and very largely increased accommodation, and would involve a very large increase of expenditure. Accommodation was the one thing, though; there was not really enough for the actual needs of the school. It would be a great help to them if they could increase the buildings. With regard to the mixture of classes, he believed it did tell against the advance of the English boys in some respects; on the other hand he was sure that it told in favour of the speaking powers of English on the part of the Chinese boys, and that if His Excellency were to test the speaking power of the different schools he would find that the boys of that school, whatever their relative merits might be as regards reading and writing, at any rate spoke English better than the boys in any other schools in the Colony. That was no doubt largely owing to the fact that they mixed with the others in the class-rooms and—he laid stress on this—in the playground where they played together and talked English together. At the same time he personally felt very strongly the importance of the criticism that had been passed on them, and he was sure the authorities of the school would do all they could to meet the wishes of the Government in the matter, and all that was practicable for the benefit of the boys of all nationalities and of all classes in the school. The report on the school gave thankfulness to them all. One thing he noticed when the prizes were being given away was the large number who were not present to receive their certificates. In one case he was afraid it was owing to illness. But in the other cases, Mr. Piercy had told them, it was because the boys had got situations and had gone out to work. That was a very satisfactory sign of the good work the school was doing; it turned out good, useful, practical boys whom people were glad to get hold of for employment in different places. One had gone to Formosa, and he might tell them that the last time he was at Formosa he found a Diocesan School boy in the British Consulate Post Office there; and as he travelled among the coast ports he heard again and again of good work being done by boys who had gone out from that school. (Applause.) Another thing he was glad to see was that one of the prizes for good conduct was a bat, and that the references in the report to the athletic successes of the school were warmly applauded by the boys as well as the reference to one of the masters who was called upon to represent the Colony at cricket in Shanghai. It was a good thing that the boys should have a hearty interest in their games and in the success of their games. (Applause.) 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With regard to the mixture of classes, he believed it did tell against the advance of the English boys in some respects; on the other hand he was sure that it told in favour of the speaking powers of English on the part of the Chinese boys, and that if His Excellency were to test the speaking power of the different schools he would find that the boys of that school, whatever their relative merits might be as regards reading and writing, at any rate spoke English better than the boys in any other schools in the Colony. That was no doubt largely owing to the fact that they mixed with the others in the class-rooms and—he laid stress on this—in the playground where they played together and talked English together. 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## POLICE COURT.

Friday, 29th January.

Before Mr. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (Police Magistrate.)

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GROCERIES.

Chang Man Kun was charged with being in possession of a quantity of groceries, reasonably suspected of having been stolen. Defendant said that they were given to him, but he could give no coherent account of the giving. His Worship held that his defence was a most improbable story, and sentenced the man to a fine of \$100 or, in default, 3 months imprisonment.

## DESTROYING GOVERNMENT TREES.

Kwok Kua Chan, and four others, were charged with cutting timber to the value of \$240 on Crown property, and removing same to their own premises. They pleaded ignorance of any offence, and were let off with fines of \$5 each, or in default 7 days' imprisonment, and warned against a recurrence.

## A FLOGGING.

Ho Yek, a fifteen-year-old coolie, wandered into the Office at the Hungghom Dock and stole a small paperweight. For this he underwent a flogging yesterday.

## KNAVE AND FOOL.

Li Lok, a coolie, wandered into No. 14, Wing Lok Street, on Wednesday, that being an empty house, wherein Li thought he would take up his quarters for the night. Seeing a basket containing dried ducks standing in the verandah of the adjoining house, No. 16, Li secured a stick with a hook at the end of it, and then secured the basket, containing 50 dried ducks valued at \$25. His booty secured, Li laid himself down to rest beside it in the verandah of No. 14. In the morning the owner missed his ducks and saw Li fast asleep beside them in the next verandah. Arrest followed, and 2 months' hard labour with 4 hours in the stocks followed on the arrest.

## ASSAULTING AN EXCISE OFFICER.

Chan Kun Chi, a coolie, was charged with assaulting an Excise Officer in the execution of his duty. Chan stated that he was sweeping out his room when the complainant came in with a warrant to search for opium, when by accident the broom fell on the complainant. Evidence was taken that the man used his broom as an offensive weapon and struck complainant. He was fined \$5, or 14 days' imprisonment, and 5 hours in the stocks.

## DISORDERLY BARBER.

Hu Yin, a barber, took deep draughts of *samsu*, and then, drawing his razor, rushed along the street seeing whom he might give a free shave to. Long Chun, a passer-by, resented the attempts of defendant and Hu was arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly and brandishing an open razor in the public street. His Worship said \$5 or 7 days.

## A THEIVING WATCHMAN.

Peer Sing, a watchman, was charged with stealing 8 pieces of soap, valued at 60 cents, the property of Messrs. Blackhead and Co., and also one silver-plated watch, valued at \$6, the property of Betham Singh, another watchman. Result—1 month's hard labour and 6 hours in the stocks.

## SHANGHAI PULP AND PAPER COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of directors for presentation at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on the 23rd February, at the Company's offices, No. 9, Kiukiang Road, Shanghai:—

The profit and loss account, including the balance Tls. 6,289.26, brought forward from last year, shows a credit balance of Tls. 65,998.36. During July an interim dividend of 5 per cent. was declared, which has been paid. New additions and repairs during the year 1903, amounting to Tls. 5,208.80, has been written off as well as Tls. 2,500.00 for depreciation; besides setting aside Tls. 10,000.00 for reserve. From the balance Tls. 25,788.56, to the credit of profit and loss, the directors propose to pay a final dividend of 5 per cent., carrying forward Tls. 3,238.36 to new account. The plant continues to be kept in perfect order. The mill has worked most satisfactorily for the year showing an increase of profit of Tls. 16,072.63 over the previous year. We have recently added an addition to our plant, which should help us in reducing prices on raw material as well as increase the earnings of the mill.

Directors.—Mr. Chu Pao San retires from the Board by rotation, but being eligible offers himself for re-election. Mr. Paul Brunt has been asked to join the Board to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. F. Augustin, leaving for home.

Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. Geo. D. Scott, who offers himself for re-election.

## THE "GLORY'S" SHOOTING RETURNS.

A writer on naval topics in a London contemporary says:—

The prize-firing returns of the battleship *Glory*, at present serving on the China station, show good results, though far inferior to those recently obtained by the *Majestic*, which now holds the record among British battleships. With her 12in. guns the *Glory* fired twenty-one rounds in six minutes, and made fourteen hits on the target. Her percentage of hits was therefore sixty-six. The *Majestic*, in the same time, fired thirty-seven rounds and made twenty-three hits, or roughly one gun per minute. The *Majestic*, though a much older ship, is therefore 50 per cent. more formidable as an antagonist than the *Glory*. The 6in. guns of

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BANGKOK RICE. Messrs. Butterfield & Swire received a quantity of rice and wood from Bangkok by the German s.s. *Pak Lat*.

A GERMAN GUN-BOAT. The German gun-boat *Luels* is now moored at Kowloon Bay. She left Canton on the 28th.

HAIPHONG TO HONGKONG. Strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea is reported by the German s.s. *Triumph* from Haiphong. She arrived yesterday with a cargo of rice. A similar report is sent in by the French s.s. *Huon*, also from Haiphong.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIP AT HONGKONG. The Austrian cruiser *Aspern* arrived from Shanghai yesterday, having left that port on the 26th.

KEROSENE OIL. A large shipment of kerosene oil, consigned to the Standard Oil Co., arrived yesterday by the British s.s. *Kenneth*. Capt. Geo. Robert Wallace reports strong N.E. monsoon and high sea on the passage up from Singapore. A quantity of kerosene oil is passing through the port in the German s.s. *Albena* from New York via Manila. On the voyage from Manila strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea was experienced.

CHOPPY WATER IN HONGKONG HARBOUR. Very choppy water has of late been experienced in Hongkong Harbour. Going over to the launch of the new West River steamer at Kowloon Dock on Thursday, Major-General and Mrs. Villiers Hutton were obliged to take shelter from the heavy spray behind a substantial weather-screen, while other passengers on the launch climbed into the wheel-house, or sought refuge behind the funnel and ventilator. A lighter containing 50 tons of coal capsized alongside the N.D.L. s.s. *Looson*, while that vessel was bunkering off the Sailors' Home at West Point. All the coal, of course, sank to the bottom, but no lives were lost, and the lighter was eventually righted not much the worse for her somersault.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS. The C.P.E. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 25th inst., p.m., via the usual ports of call.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Glaucus* left Singapore on the 28th inst., and is due here on the 3rd prox.

## NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. AGHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Resume Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

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## SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Moderate to strong N.E. monsoon. AMOY SHIPPING.

The following vessels were at Amoy on the 26th inst.:—Singapore-Amoy s.s. *Cheangchee*, British India s.s. *Jetanga*, the British barque *Oaka*, the American s.s. *Tayabas*, and the Chinese gun-boat *Yuan Kai*.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [385]

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 16th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [287]

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THE COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 30th instant, will be for SPOONS, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges: 200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,  
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Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [95]

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1904.

MADAME CANDOTTI'S CONCERT.

(Pianist pupil of Rubinstein).

UNDER the Patronage of H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. MAY, Sir WILLIAM GOODMAN, Chief Justice, and Lady GOODMAN, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. ROBINSON.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 12th prox., or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [85]

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [381]

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [363]

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

## TENDERS will be received at the HEAD-QUARTERS OFFICE, Fletcher St., until 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, 1904, for the undermentioned Supplies and Services for the period of twelve months from 1st April, 1904.

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Head-Quarters Office,  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1904. [334]

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Apply—  
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Care of Daily Press Office.  
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## WANTED.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [337]

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [363]

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [229]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

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VICTOR H. DEACON,  
10, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [117]

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [272]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd JANUARY, to the 6th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [258]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 & 40 Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 13th FEBRUARY, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [365]

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By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [269]

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V. I. RENEDIOS,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [359]

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [350]

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HONGKONG, 5th January, 1904. [128]

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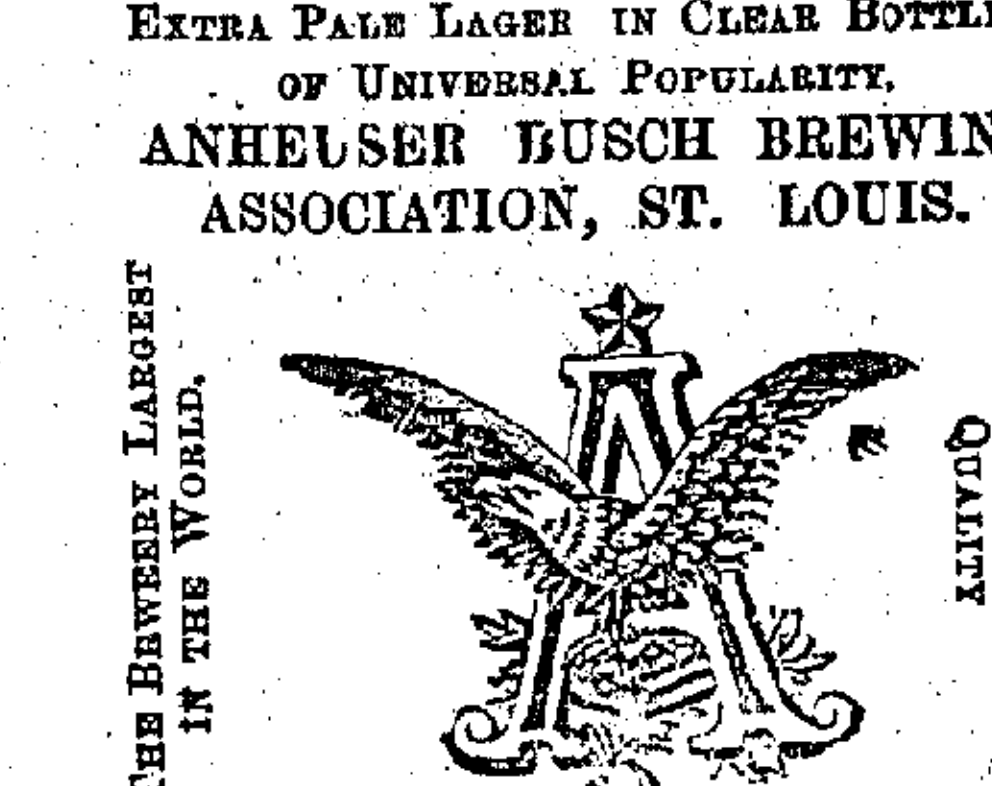
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### CHAPTER IV. (Continued).

Before going further I searched the drawers of the small dresser and the cupboard under the stairs, but could only find a number of plates, a box of knives, and a few small odds and ends that told me nothing. The crockery was of the most ordinary description and, though the knives had the name of a Sheffield maker upon them, they did not do me much good. From the pantry I proceeded to the first of the cabins on the port side. It was as empty as the men's quarters; so was the next, save for a pair of chronometers, a sextant, and other nautical instruments upon a shelf. The fact that these should have been left behind puzzled me considerably, unless, as I constrained myself to argue, one of the mates had been concerned in the business and had taken his own instruments with him. I then tried the next. As there was nothing there to throw any further light upon the mystery, I left it and crossed the cuddy to its fellow on the starboard side. Nothing there. I passed on to the next. This one proved to be locked. I turned the handle violently, but without result.

"Perhaps we have got the key to it all here," I said to myself, and then debated whether I should apply my shoulder to it and burst the lock. I was still pondering the subject when, to my amazement, a low moan reached me from within. It was so unexpected that I stepped back a pace, as if someone had struck me. Then recovering myself, I endeavored to look through the keyhole, but could see nothing inside save the end of a bunk, which, as may be supposed, was of no sort of use to me. Hoping to ascertain who or what was inside, I rapped loudly upon the panels of the door, but this only answer I received was another moan. That it was a woman's voice I had heard I was convinced, but what was she doing locked in there, in a cabin of a deserted ship, with a body of a murdered man stretched upon the deck? That she was alive the moan that I had heard was sufficient testimony.

At last, having given the matter some thought, I determined not to take any action until the skipper, or at least the mate, should arrive. In a case such as this, one could scarcely have too many witnesses. I accordingly passed on to the adjoining and last cabin. This one, like its companion across the way, was empty. So feeling that I had done all that I could for the present, I made my way up to the deck, heartily wishing myself out of the whole matter. My search must have taken me longer than I supposed, for when I reached the poop, it was with the skipper himself seated beside the mate in the stern sheets.

"From what Mr. Jackson has told me, this appears to be a bad business," said the former when he reached the deck.  
"I am afraid it is," I replied. "An uncommonly bad business. That was why I suggested asking you to come over."  
"Well, show me what there is to be seen, and let's be done with the matter," he answered.  
"I am not fond of these little affairs."

Without answering I led him to the spot which I had covered with canvas. Drawing him aside, I showed him what lay below. As we had done, he uttered an exclamation of horror, and I gave up my word I do not wonder at it. The whole thing was so brutal, so villainous, that no one could look at it unmoved.  
"Cover it up again," he said. "I don't want to see any more of it," and turned away.  
He walked to the taffrail and stood looking down at the smooth water below for two or three minutes while the mate and I waited to see what he would do next.

"One thing is very certain," he said at last, "we must take possession of those knives. They will be valuable evidence."  
I heard the mate gasp, and I knew that for myself I felt my gorge rise at the mere thought of touching the body.  
"Which of you is going to do it?" he asked. "For I tell you straight out I couldn't lay a finger on him."

"And I don't know that I could," continued Jackson, with a very white face. They must have seen from mine that I was in much the same condition as themselves.

"It seems a gruesome sort of thing to do," I said, "but what's to prevent our tossing for it, if that course was so obviously fair that, although both would willingly have had the work, they could not discover any legitimate reason for objecting. We retired to the starboard side of the poop and commenced the most grisly gamble that I have ever been my lot to take part in. My star and the captain's were in the lead. For the result showed that the unfortunate mate was to do the deed. We turned away while the task was being accomplished, and when next we looked round it was to find the body hidden beneath the canvas, the knives lying on the deck, and Jackson being violently ill over the port rail."

When he had recovered himself, I informed them of the second discovery I had made and suggested that we should adjourn to the cuddy. Once there, I took down the decanter of rum from the swinging shelf and poured out at three stiff glasses. I can only say that we all stood in need of the stimulant, and Jackson perhaps more than all.

Before venturing near the cabin where the mate had perished, we visited the others in rotation. By the time we had finished the inspection, which included the pantry, the potent liquor we had drunk had begun to take effect, insuring us with sufficient courage to make what we expected would be the last and most important discovery of all. We approached the door and I knocked as before "on it, but this time no sound followed. I knocked again and again, and each time with the same result—only complete silence.

"Are you quite sure you were not mistaken?" asked the skipper. "Do you think that you imagined you heard somebody?" Remember

you were worked up to a high pitch of excitement.

"I'd stake my life on it," I answered, with a sharpness that showed how highly strung my nerves must have been. "The first time I thought I might have been mistaken, but when I heard it again, I knew that I was not. What is to be done? Shall we break in the door?"  
"There seems to be no other course open to us," returned the skipper. "And as you are the biggest man, you'd better try your hand at it."

"Very well then, here goes. Stand by and give me plenty of room."

"They did so, and stepping back as far as the bench beside the table, I took a run and caught the door with my left shoulder. It flew open with a crash and, having plenty of way on, I was precipitated with it into the cabin and against the berth on the further side. The captain and Jackson hurried in after me, and then we looked about us. We had seen one terrible sight on the deck above. Crouching on the floor, her face turned from us, was a woman, and well off, if one might judge from her dress and the rings upon her fingers. She did not turn her head to look at us, nor by any sign did she allow us to see that she was aware of our presence. Her long black hair had fallen upon her shoulders and reached almost to her waist. As the others did not move, I went forward to her and placed my hand upon her shoulder. Perhaps, in my nervousness, I may have been rougher than I intended; at any rate she started up and cried she toppled over and lay unconscious at my feet. I knelt beside her and gazed at her face. I have tackled your credulity pretty heavily already, I am going to do so again. Believe it or not, hers was the other face I had seen in my dream—that of the woman who had gazed at me with such imploring eyes.

"She has fainted," I said. "What had we better do?"  
"I might here explain that I was then unskilled in such matters," said the captain's suggestion, "and give her some of that grog. It will bring her to if anything will. Poor girl, she has fainted, if anyone has."

He was certainly right, as I was destined to find out afterwards. Surely no other woman had ever been through more than she had! Following the captain's advice, we carried her into the cuddy and seated her on the bench. Jackson procured some of the rum with which, for want of anything better, we bathed her temples. It was impossible to get her to drink any of it as her teeth were firmly clenched, and we could not open them.

"If only we carried a doctor," said the skipper, when we had been trying without success for some ten minutes to bring her to. "It is impossible to say how we ought to act. For all we know to the contrary we may be doing a great wrong."

He said scarcely spoken before she opened her eyes and looked wildly about her. Her expression was more like that of a hunted deer than anything else to which I can liken it. Try to imagine the most pitiable look you have ever seen on the human countenance and you will even then fall short of the mark. I had never seen anything like it before, and I don't want to again. Then slowly rising, she staggered against it, gazed fixedly at us, as if she were trying to account for our presence there.

"Madam," said the skipper, "we are your friends and desire to help you. Will you tell us the name of the vessel?"  
She looked at him as if she did not understand the question, and then swept her hand across her eyes in an endeavor to think.  
"I do not know," she at length answered in a low voice.

At any rate she was English. So much was certain.  
"May I be permitted to ask your name, then?" enquired the other, in his best manner. Again she tried to remember, but was compelled at last to admit that she did not know. Some weak spirit and water was handed to her and she drank it instinctively, shuddering as she finished it.

Seeing that it was hopeless attempting to question her, the skipper forbore, and, at a signal from him, I led her to her cabin once more. She walked as if in her sleep—as one unconscious of her actions. There was a small settee in the further corner, and on this I placed her. She immediately lay back and closed her eyes as if to sleep, and feeling that nothing could be better for her I left her, and went out shutting the broken door after me as best I could.

Leaving the cuddy we followed the skipper out on to the main deck. For the time being none of us cared very much about the poop. When we reached the hatch we seated ourselves upon it. "Now look here, Mr. Bramwell," said the skipper, "we must decide what is to be done about this girl, and also about the vessel. She is a trim little craft and too good to be set adrift. Besides there is this murder business to be considered, and it ought to be brought home to somebody. I'll take the lady willingly, but I can't manage the ship, nor can I spare more than one officer and a few men to work her."

What should have induced me to do it, unless it was the recollection of the girl's pleading face as I had seen it in my dream, I shall never know, but, almost before I knew what I was saying, it was out.

"Give me Jackson here to go with me and two or three of your own men," I said, "I can pick out another half-dozen from the storeroom, who are old shell-backs, and I'll engage to sail her wherever you like. What do you say?"  
"What I say is, done with you," he replied promptly.

We shook hands with each other on the bargain, and unconsciously I had advanced another step towards my reunion with Giles Farrington.  
Why this should have been so, I defy you to guess!

(To be continued.)

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

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K. UYEMURA, Manager  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1903. [12]

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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong [96]

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, A.C. VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON	GLYNLOCHY	Brit. str.	Stallard	McGregor Bros. & Gow	2nd Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NEMO	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PALEMO	Brit. str.	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 14th Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	16th Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd Feb.
AMSTERDAM & LONDON	DIOMED	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	9th Feb., at 1 P.M.
AMSTERDAM & LONDON	E. SIMONS	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	3rd Feb., at Noon.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	SACHSEN	Brit. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Tomorrow.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	WESERBURG	Brit. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	RANSBOROUGH	Brit. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	P. VALDEMAR	Dan. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	ALBION	Dan. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	C. PEDER LARSEN	Dan. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SUTTONIA	Dan. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SAMBA	Dan. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Dan. str.	Stallard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th Feb.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KERKEN	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ALAN	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	GIRLIA	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	SIRI	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ART MARIE	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	OLYMPIA	Brit. str.	Stallard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
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THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR DALNY, PORT ARTHUR AND VLADIVOSTOK.  
THE Russian Steamer  
"MANCHURIA."  
Captain Prahl, will be ready to load on or about MONDAY, the 1st February.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [218]

"SHIRE" LINE.  
FOR HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"RADNORSHIRE,"  
Captain C. H. Burch, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 5th February.  
This steamer has superior accommodation for passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [222]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.  
NOTICE.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO  
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.  
ON TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1904, at 12.30, the Company's Steamship "ERNEST STATIONS," Captain Charbonnel, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSPIENT.  
This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian line s.s. "Dumbas," bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN.  
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 9th February. Specie and Parcels received until 4 p.m. on the same day.  
No cargo will be received on board on Tuesday. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.  
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [2]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.  
S.S. "WING CHAI,"  
Captain Samuel Bell Smith.  
DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.  
FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.  
2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.  
On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return Ticket including Tea and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5 extra will be charged for each Cabin which has accommodation for two or more Passengers.  
Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.  
The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3 hours to reach Macao.  
MING ON & CO.,  
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.  
Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.  
THE undersigned GENERAL AGENTS  
in CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.  
For Freight and further particulars, apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
General Agents for China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.  
NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.  
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR  
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA  
VIA  
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
Steamer. Tons. Captain. Sailing Date.  
\* OLYMPIA 2,837 A. Dixon Thursday, February 11th  
SHAWMUT 9,606 W. M. Smith Friday, February 19th  
TACOMA 2,812 M. Ridley Friday, February 26th  
\* VICTORIA 3,562 J. Tinsley Wednesday, March 16th  
TREMONT 9,606 T. W. Garlick Friday, March 25th  
\* OLYMPIA 2,837 A. Dixon Wednesday, April 27th  
\* Not carrying second class passengers.

FOR MANILA.  
The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.  
S.S. SHAWMUT 9,606 tons. W. M. Smith About 30th January.  
S.S. TREMONT 9,606 tons. T. W. Garlick About 1st March.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND  
CUT-NE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.  
The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.  
PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.  
For further information apply to—  
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1904. [7]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.  
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## THE CHINESE LABOUR QUESTION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Pretoria, 19th December.

The Chinese question is the all-engrossing one in this country, and though the Chinaman has few if any friends among the middle and working classes—who see in his introduction here the beginning of commercial decay for the white artisan—the capitalist class to a man supports the proposal for his importation. The latter view is backed in Government and legislative circles, and it is regarded as certain that a measure empowering the introduction of unskilled Chinese labour for the Transvaal gold-mines will shortly be passed by the Legislative Council.

On the 17th inst. a big meeting was held in S. Andrew's Hall in this town to consider the question of the importation of Chinese. It was a counterblast to one held at Johannesburg a few days before, at which a resolution in favour of Chinese was carried by a large majority. At the meeting here (which was very unrepresentative in its character, those speaking against the sense of the majority being hoisted and interrupted constantly) an overwhelming majority voted against the importation of Chinese. The following resolution was carried: That this meeting of the inhabitants of Pretoria resolves that considering the momentous issues involved in the vital question of the importation of Chinese or other Asiatic unskilled labour into this Colony (the Government of the Colony be requested to postpone a decision and action in this matter until the mature views of the inhabitants of the Transvaal Colony have been expressed under a Responsible Government. This is to be presented to H.E. the Lieutenant-Governor with a request that it shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

With reference to the Johannesburg meeting the following letter signed "Malgré Nous" (Pretoria) of yesterday, is of interest, as it makes no apology for quoting it in full. It runs:—"Sir,—It is a sorry story this of the opposition at the anti-Chinese meeting on Monday evening, but for the sake of the reputation of British institutions and British fair play it should be placed into the ears of every man throughout the King's dominions. The promoters should have advertised the meeting for three days at least, and advertised it thoroughly, so as to avoid any suspicion of sharp practice. The deficiency does not, however, dissipate the fact that someone has been guilty of one of the most disgusting attempts to another public opinion ever known in the history of British Colonies. The *Band Daily Mail* was the most active agent in the despicable game. The free special and hand-bills from the works of that journal were scattered broadcast through the town and along the reef. The *Transvaal Leader*, or, in other words, the *Transvaal edition of the Cape Times*, is never asleep when the interests of the cosmopolitan mining magnates are threatened, and passionately called upon the "Patriots" and "The People" to do their duty. According to the publication of the *Transvaal* are neither Briton, Boer, nor even Christian, and the idea of these Stylized entreating "Patriots" and "The People" through their newspapers to help to secure their pound of flesh is not calculated to increase their personal welfare. If these individuals are to be allowed to foist their vicious schemes on South Africa unopposed, it is about time for some of its Britons, Boers, and other Gentiles to seek citizenship in Germany, Austria, or Russia.

But to resume the story of capitalistic doings on Monday. The men on many means were allowed to leave their duties early, and to ensure their early attendance, obliging railway authorities brought into use all the cattle-trucks necessary when ordinary cars gave out. How many men travelled free, or had their fares paid for by whom, and who paid the latter, would be interesting reading. There was, however, much room for doubt as to how these miners would vote, for it is common knowledge that the anti-Chinese sentiment is deep and widespread. To avert the danger of the meeting being a success it was deemed advisable to engage paid hooligans and instigators, and these gentlemen certainly turned out a goodly number. They were paid last night by Tattersall's, the proceedings being watched by two policemen, who were there to maintain order, and a respectable crowd of civilians. Free-speech stifling will probably become a long recognized calling in the Transvaal, but at 15s. a day and with so many unemployed it is likely to be overworked.

"The demand on Monday did not bring forward a good class of men; I heard one gentleman describe them as some of the worst riffraff he had ever seen. But that they were for once hand in hand with Jewish financiers, stockbrokers, editors of influential newspapers, and other respectable people, should in fairness be put to their credit. The disreputable-looking individual who made a cowardly attack on Mr. Quin had a counterpart in one of the well-fed, well-groomed champions of Asiatic labour and big profits. The latter person, who was often seen in the company of Mr. Mackie-Niven, cried out 'Fire! Fire!' In a densely crowded building this is a game fit only for a rascally coward or an idiot, and in reply for the offender on Monday the attention of those around him was taken up by an incident on the platform. The person in question is probably ignorant yet of the fact that he narrowly escaped arrest at the hands of a police-sergeant, who expressed regret that he himself had not heard the cry.

"Well, the meeting as far as the anti-Chinese cause is concerned was not a success—in fact I suppose those who pulled the opposition strings called to their partners in London that it was a dismal failure. But no fair-minded man would for a moment deny that Transvaal public opinion is almost unanimously against the importation of Chinese labour. For the sake of the fair name of British institutions that opinion must be respected. The story of Monday's opposition will be told in every corner of the Empire, and unless the Government for a referendum be granted, or some other way be devised to give effect to the wishes of the people of this, the youngest Colony, the effect of that story will damage the loyalty of all the others. Australia, New Zealand, and Canada are against the importation of Chinese, and they have a moral right to make themselves heard on this burning question. The links which bind Canada to the Empire have already worn almost to breaking point, and Australia and New Zealand will endure little more than slaves. When one of these great self-governing States cuts the thread which binds it to the Motherland, that day will begin the disruption of the Empire."

## PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 25th December, 1903.

The unexpected always happens in France. Apart from the Russo-Japanese cloud which shows no signs of breaking, save into war, quite a damp has been put on the holidays by home troubles, which have sprung up, when the majority of Parisians were preparing to enjoy a comfortable Christmas. The industrial world in France is just now very agitated, while signs are not wanting that not only the metropolis, but the provinces, are on the eve of experiencing grave trouble. The jewellers' strike has been followed by an outbreak of indignation on the part of journeymen bakers, while other trades are only suiting their convenience before breaking out into revolt. A general strike is spoken of, and Parisians look extremely gloomy at the aspect of affairs, which is certain to affect the whole country. Matters would not have reached to such a critical degree had not Prefect of Police Lépine and his brigade of *agents* dealt so severely with the leaders of the Labour Exchange riots recently, whom much blood was shed on both sides. The dissatisfied wish to revenge themselves on the head of the Paris police, for invading the building with drawn swords, and proving so severe in his punishment. The event will long be remembered by those who were there, as by those who were not. The chief grievance of the *boulangers*, or bakers, is against the *Bureau de Placement*, or registry-office, which not only exploits them, but everyone else whose misfortune it is to come in contact with them. Not only are the charges excessive, but their promises to find employment never amount to anything; the *boulangers* have further come to the conclusion that a coalition exists between keepers of these *Bureaux de Placement* and master-bakers. The cherishing of such a belief only adds fuel to fire. Public sympathy is not with the men, many of whom propose to give the signal for a general strike on Christmas-eve, so depriving, as they think, Parisians of bread *le jour de Noël*. The Government too has its plans fully matured, and army bakers would at once provide the inhabitants with bread.

The suppression of customary religious services on Christmas-eve, and Christmas Day, is another significant fact, and indicates how very disturbed a certain section of the population actually is. Several city churches will be closed for the sake of prudences; midnight mass will therefore not take place this year, in half-a-dozen parishes, while worshippers can only be admitted in as many more on presenting cards signed by the clergy; *cartes d'admission* will be issued with the greatest circumspection. Such a state of things has never been known in Paris before, and citizens may be excused for appearing surprised, and wondering why such precautions are being taken. The following are some of the churches where the *Messe de Minuit* has been suppressed:—St. Jean de Belleville, in which a bomb was deposited some two months ago, including a riot precipitated on the 17th of May last by the *Apaches*, or *Hooligans*. The churches of St. Ambroise, St. Elizabeth, St. Jacques, St. Christophe de la Villette, and St. Nicolas de Champs, have been subjected to the same measure. Special cards will be necessary to attend midnight mass at Notre Dame de la Croix, Montmartre, St. Joseph, which was plundered some years ago, and afterwards set on fire. St. Germain, St. Anne de la Maison Blanche, and Notre Dame de la Gare. Parisians under the strange and disquieting circumstances can do with an extra distribution of peace fraternity and good-will.

Next year will witness many changes in this capital, as the Municipal Council is anxious to beautify the metropolis as much as possible, and to remove unsightly landmarks. The demolition of the old historical St. Lazare prison, spoken of since twenty years, is one of the projects of the Council which will be carried out early in January. Few establishments have undergone so much structural transformation as being an abbey in the 16th century, and now a refuge for female criminals; about the middle of the 16th century it was an hospital, then it became a seminary; after that a convent, where the good St. Vincent de Paul installed the congregation of Lazarists. The saint died on the 27th September, 1660, at St. Lazare, and was interred in the choir of the grand chapel, where his tomb, bearing a commemorative inscription, was visible until 1789; his cell to-day serves as the private chapel of the annu who officiate in the prison. St. Lazare is the place where females are sent after being committed for trial, or condemned to imprisonment for terms not exceeding a year, for longer periods, they are passed on to the Maison Centrale, at Clamart. The inside of the Prison St. Lazare is very curious, and is replete with interest; it is divided into three sections, altogether distinct from each other. The first contains criminals committed for trial, the second those undergoing a sentence of imprisonment, the third being reserved for children under sixteen years of age. The second section is devoted to prostitutes condemned to short imprisonment for offences against sanitary or other police regulations. Each section has its own infirmary. Children are locked up at night in separate cells, where they are strictly watched from galleries, along which keepers mount guard. There are 200 cells in all besides other cells in an unwholesome part of the building, which are only used in cases of extreme necessity. Other sections have dormitories of various sizes; in addition, there are *cellules* containing two to three beds, where prisoners are able to pay from one franc to one franc and a half for every ten days may enjoy a little comfort. The infirmary of the prostitutes contains some 350 beds, distributed in 18 wards. Prisoners of each section pass the day in different halls, recalling school-rooms. A nun presides at an elevated desk, strict silence being enforced during hours of labour. The prisoners usually receive one quarter of their earnings every day, and another quarter on leaving the place of detention. The children are taught to read and write, and are punished if ill-behaved, by being excluded from the class for a short period; this correction is as a rule extremely effectual. The *refectoire*, or dining-hall, is situated on the ground floor, the ceiling of which is supported by nine columns. It is here where prisoners awaiting trial, condemned prisoners, and prostitutes not confined in the infirmary take their meals at different hours. There is also a canteen, where prisoners are allowed to buy humble dainties like jam, honey, and which goes towards supporting the prison. The diet consists of half a litre (one litre equals 1½ pints) of *bouillon* or broth, with two-fifths of

*Légumes* (vegetables); a quarter of a pound of meat is given every Thursday and Sunday to each prisoner. The prison has a bakehouse of its own, the daily ration of the loaves being one and a half pounds. The number of prisoners is close upon 1,000, the cost of maintaining prisoners and staff, &c., 70,000 francs. The St. Lazare prison ought to have been knocked down long ago; its disappearance, chiefly owing to discomfort and want of proper sanitation, is well-earned, archaeologists being about the only ones to leave a sigh.

The Champ de Mars is a doleful, and has but a few weeks more to live. It is no secret that Parisians have since some time expressed their disgust at the city authorities for not removing the debris that remains of the last exhibition. The Government intend to have the half-demolished pavilions, carried away without further delay, and converting the Champ de Mars, which is as bad as the Sahara desert, into the year round, save at exhibition time, into something agreeable to visitors' eyes. The Champ de Mars, which is no other but an immense oblong space, between the Ecole Militaire and the river Seine, measures 3,081 by 2,290 feet. It was formerly bordered east and west by ditches formed, in 1789, by Parisians of both sexes and all ranks for the celebrated *Fête de la Raison*, which took place on the 14th July, when an altar, called *L'Autel de la Patrie*, was erected in the centre, and Louis XVI, seated in a superb amphitheatre in front of the Ecole Militaire, took his oath to the new constitution. The Champ de Mars has witnessed many important and historical scenes since; Napoleon held the famous *Champ de Mars* here in 1815, before the battle of Waterloo; in 1830, Louis Philippe distributed colours to the National Guards. Twenty-four persons were suffocated, or trodden to death by the pressure of the crowd passing through the gates of the Champ de Mars, on the night of the 14th June, 1837, during the rejoicings for the marriage of the Duc d'Orléans. On 10th May, 1852, Louis Napoleon distributed to the Army the Eagles which replaced the Gallic Cock. The Great Exhibition of 1867—the most splendid ever witnessed—was held on the Champ de Mars. The exhibition building covered a space of 36 acres, was 527 yards long and 406 yards wide. The centre of the Champ de Mars on that occasion was occupied by an elliptical edifice, consisting principally of iron and glass, and composed of seven concentric galleries, enclosing a delightful garden in the middle. The French are quite prepared for the terrible news that may come at any minute, that war has been declared between Japan and Russia. The situation, which is considered most grave by everybody, must end or mend before many more hours, whether Russia is prepared or not. A pacific solution is still probable, and Russia, in order to gain more time, would not object perhaps to reconsidering her reply to Japan. Of the two, the Japanese, it is popularly believed, are better prepared for war than are their antagonists, and were they to strike a bold blow at the Russians, in their present state of unpreparedness, they would have no difficulty in convincing lookers on of their superiority—as a fighting machine. French official circles are displaying serious anxiety at the state of this Russo-Japanese crisis. The fact that both antagonists continue to face one another with irreconcilable demands bodes ill for a friendly settlement; neither Power shows the slightest disposition to make concessions. One or the other nation must give way or fight. The Tokyo Government will yet astonish Russia by its firmness and pluck, and so cause Russia to back out of the position in which she is, as she has so often done before elsewhere. Japan's last act was to offer a direct challenge to the Russian Government, in the form of promoting the Seoul-Fusuma railway. Time will soon prove whether the *Amurenses* intend to take up the arms by waiting to arms, or avoid disaster by making submission. Neutral opinion in France favours the latter version. Humiliation counts for nothing in Russia—hence why the Muscovites are almost certain at the last moment to submit to an irretrievable loss of political prestige throughout the Far East—even beyond. The want of necessary capital is another good reason why Russia will think twice before embarking in war against a much wealthier and to a certain extent better equipped army than her own. No doubt Europe would be asked for monetary assistance in time; heads of European money markets know by this time which of the two nations is most solvent. Japan cannot well afford to go to war either for the same reason, but if necessary would show less hesitation than Russia—who in her very heart has a holy horror of the very name of war.

What first sounded as a joke is now an accomplished fact, according to Engineer Herrenscheidt, who has revealed the presence of gold in France. The gold reefs he declares are likely to rival those of Australia, and cover an area of several square kilometres in the Condray district of Mayenne. Local land-owners, who are naturally very excited over the wonderful discovery, are beginning to consider themselves as millionnaires—fancy goes a long way in any case. It was at first, as we said from Laval, that the precious metal was first discovered. Mr. Herrenscheidt was in the act of analysing the refuse from the mine when he came across the worthless reefs by chance; devoting his attention to his new discovery, he found that the ore yielded 50 grammes (a gramme equals 15 grains) per ton. This induced him to prospect the district, when he had the gratification of finding a gold-bearing reef several miles long as rich as many of the reefs out in Australia, in which country the engineer worked during fifteen years. The newly-discovered mineral is not payable at the surface, but 15 feet down; at this depth M. Herrenscheidt obtained 22 grammes of gold to the ton. A very great quantity of the gold, without the knowledge of the inhabitants all these years! The stone used for paving the local roads have returned out priceless treasures, as several paving-stones picked up haphazard produced as much as 30 to 40 grammes per ton. The results obtained from washed mud taken in the district were still more remarkable, as it in turn yielded from 30 to 40 grammes of gold! Government engineers have started to prospect the district, though many are somewhat sceptical about the unearthing of such treasures. How is it, if they existed, they were not exploited before? they ask.

The report of M. Merceur on the Drayfuss affair is considered very important, though, together, the case cannot be considered by the Revision Committee before some time to come, as several sittings have been found necessary. What is there new to disclose? This is what Parisians are waiting to hear with impatience. The Committee is already tired of the whole business, and its members are somewhat displeased at having to go through such a voluminous task.

M. Pelletan, Minister of Marine, has succeeded in obtaining the suppression of the offensive passages contained in a *revue* produced at the Ecole Music Hall in Paris, wherein the two principal characters are intended to represent himself and his wife. Rioting took place, and the director of the music-hall was compelled to withdraw the insulting piece—comic though it was.

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